THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Delay in approval of design of box Wagons

996. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an abnormal delay on the part of Railways approving the design of box wagons for transporting bulk commodities; and

(b) if so, what are the details, thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in domestic air fares

997. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase air fares in its domestic sector in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has proposed rationalisation of fares which is under examination.

Educational technology scheme

998. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched an educational technology scheme to supply one lakh TV sets and five lakh radio-cum-cassette players to primary and upper primary schools in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and when it has been launched; and

(c) what is the present stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Centrally sponsored scheme for Educational Technology started in 87-88 envisages supply of T.V. sets and Radio-cum-Cassette Players to 1,00,000 and 5,00,000 elementary schools respectively in a phased manner during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90. 75 per cent cost of TV sets and 100 per cent cost of Radio-cum-Cassette Players will be borne by the Central Government.

In the INSAT States, i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra; Oissa and Uttar Pradesh and also in other Hindi speaking States where the educational programmes (TV) are already being telecast regularly, the State Governments were requested to cover all the suitable schools in a particular block/district proposed for coverage instead of scattering the distribution of TV sets among a large number of block/districts. For being given a TV set under the scheme the school should have at least two class rooms, electricity and two teachers. Also the school should be